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CHARGE/DISCHARGE PROTECTION CIRCUIT FOR A RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed is Form PTO-1449, Information Disclosure Citation, In An Application.

The following Patents and/or Publications are submitted to comply with the duty of disclosure under CFR 1.97-1.99 and 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of each document is included herewith.

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U.S. Patent 5,703,463 to Smith, "Methods and Apparatus for Protecting Battery Cells from Overcharge," discloses a method and apparatus for protecting at least one battery cell from overcharge utilizing a combination of at least one MOSFET switch and a separate fail-safe element such as a fuse or circuit breaker.

U.S. Patent 6,172,482 to Eguchi, "Battery Protection Circuit and Electronic Device," discloses a battery protection circuit for secondary battery protection.

JP 10-66251 A to Nagai Tamiji et al., "Protective Device for Secondary Battery," discloses a protective device for a video camera cell pack rechargeable battery.

U.S. Patent 5,550,701 to Nadd et al., "Power MOSFET with Overcurrent and Over-Temperature Protection and Control Circuit Decoupled from Body Diode," discloses a power integrated circuit which contains a power MOSFET and a control circuit in a common chip.

Sincerely,

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